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In The Hot Seat



US Military Chiefs Grilled on Islamic State

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey and Defense Secretary Ash Carter take their seats as they arrive at the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 7, about Counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) Strategy. Carter and Dempsey face questions from members of the Senate panel about President Barack Obama's strategy to defeat Islamic State militants.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP)

America's top two military leaders on Tuesday defended President Barack

Obama's strategy to defeat Islamic State group militants amid criticism from

Republican senators who argued that the administration's program to train

and equip moderate Syrian rebels is faltering.

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US Military Chiefs grilled on Islamic State strategy

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Defense Secretary Ash Carter acknowledged publicly for the first time that the program aimed at stopping the momentum of IS has slowed to the point where it has only about 60 participating fighters — a level well beneath the thousands envisioned by U.S. policymakers.

Sen. John McCain, the Armed Services Committee chairman and persistent Obama foreign policy critic, told Carter: "I got to tell you that after four years, Mr. Secretary, that is not a very impressive number."

The Associated Press reported last month that the number of trainees involved in the program at bases in Jordan and Turkey had dropped below 100, with dozens of recruits flee-



Defense Secretary Ash Carter testifies at the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 7, 2015 about Counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) Strategy. Carter Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey face questions from members of the Senate panel about President Barack Obama's strategy to defeat Islamic State militants.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

ing the program. "The number is much smaller than we hoped for at this point," the secretary told McCain, but he maintained that the initiative remains an essential element of the U.S. military strategy

in the region. He said the training has given the U.S. a window into the opposition groups inside Syria, adding that it has yielded valuable intelligence and has increased the Pentagon's ability to attract moderate

rebel recruits.

McCain, the Republican who lost to Obama in the 2008 presidential election, said there is no compelling reason to think that anything the U.S. is doing will be enough to achieve the president's goal of degrading and ultimately destroying IS.

"Our means and our current level of effort are not aligned with our ends," he told Carter at a Capitol Hill hearing. Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west after capturing Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province last year.

McCain said Islamic State continues to gain territory in Iraq and Syria, while expanding its influence across

the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia. He said there is no responsible ground force in either Iraq or Syria that can seize territory from IS, with slim prospects from the U.S.-led coalition's current training efforts of local ground forces.

"While our coalition may own the skies, as the president said yesterday, our air campaign against IS continues to be limited significantly by overly restrictive rules of engagement and a lack of ground intelligence, which only gets worse as IS moves into urban areas to avoid coalition bombing," McCain said. "Pilots will tell you that they are only as good as the targets they receive," he said, and when "three-quarters of our air missions against IS still return to base without dropping weapons, that is indicative of a fundamental problem with our air campaign." □

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Confederate flag bill moving to South Carolina House vote

JEFFREY COLLINS

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) —

The push to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse cleared another hurdle Tuesday, as the view of a long-held symbol shifts across the South in the wake of last month's mass shooting at a historic black church. The state Senate gave final approval to a bill to remove the Civil War-era rebel banner. The 36-3 vote now sends the bill to the House, where it faces a less certain future. That debate starts Wednesday.

Senators on Monday voted to take down the flag, placed near the edge of the Statehouse grounds in 2000 as part of a compromise that involved removing the flag from atop the Statehouse dome. Tuesday's vote was needed to send the bill on to the House. But while that means debate would begin Wednesday in the House, it is far from clear whether a vote will take place that day, or what the vote will be. House members appear to be less unified.

Authorities investigating the June 17 shooting of nine people in Charleston have charged a young white man who posed for pictures with the rebel banner. Police say he was driven by racial hatred.

On Tuesday, 21-year-old Dylann Storm Roof was indicted on three new charges of attempted murder that relate to survivors of the massacre.

Democrats say both the flag and flagpole must go, House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said. Business leaders and Gov. Nikki Haley agree. Several white senators this week have said they have come to understand why their black colleagues feel the flag no longer represents the valor of Southern soldiers but the racism that led the South to separate from the United States more than 150 years ago. As the senators spoke Monday, the desk of their slain colleague, state senator and the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was still draped in black cloth. Several senators said the grace shown by the families of the victims willing to forgive the gunman also changed their minds. □

Obama hosts Vietnam Communist Party Chief at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that despite differences between the United States and Vietnam over "political philosophy," the two countries are deepening cooperation on health, climate and other issues.

Obama spoke following an Oval Office meeting with Nguyen Phu Trong, the head of Vietnam's Communist Party.

Trong is the de facto leader of Vietnam despite holding no official government post.

Twenty years after normalizing diplomatic ties with its one-time foe, the U.S. is eager to improve relations with Vietnam. Officials see Vietnam as a country that could be a linchpin in Obama's Asia policy. As a front-line country nervous about Chinese expansionism in the South China Sea, Vietnam would also welcome the U.S. taking a tough line against Beijing.

Even as Obama and Trong emphasized areas of cooperation, the U.S. president said they spoke candidly about human rights and religious freedom in Vietnam. Trong said he extended an invitation for Obama to visit Vietnam and the president had accepted. While Obama noted the invitation, he made no specific commitments to travel to Vietnam during his presidency.

Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush both visited Vietnam after diplomatic ties were established. Obama is the first post-Vietnam War president who didn't come of age during that culturally searing conflict. □



President Barack Obama, right, meets with Vietnamese Communist party secretary general Nguyen Phu Trong in the Oval Office of the White House, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in Washington. Trong is the de facto leader of Vietnam despite holding no official government post, and is visiting Washington to boost ties 20 years after the U.S. and Vietnam normalized relations following the Vietnam War.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Subway suspends ties with spokesman Fogle after raid



Subway restaurant spokesman Jared Fogle walks to a waiting car as he leaves his home Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in Zionsville, Ind. FBI agents and Indiana State Police have removed electronics from the property. FBI Special agent Wendy Osborne said Tuesday that the FBI was conducting an investigation in the Zionsville area but wouldn't confirm it involved Fogle.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

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Associated Press**

ZIONSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — FBI agents and Indiana State

Police raided the home of Subway restaurant spokesman Jared Fogle on Tuesday, removing electronics from the property and searching the house with a police dog, two months after the then-executive director of Fogle's foundation was arrested on child pornography charges.

FBI agent Wendy Osborne said the agency was conducting an investigation in Zionsville, an affluent Indianapolis suburb, but wouldn't say whether it involved Fogle or describe the nature of the investigation.

Subway said in a statement that it is "very concerned" about the raid, which it believes "is related to a prior investigation" of a former employee of the Jared Foundation, an organization founded by Fogle to raise awareness about childhood obesity. Subway did not immediately say whether that employee was former foundation executive director Russell Taylor.

The company had removed references to Fogle from its website by late afternoon and issued another statement, saying the two "have mutually agreed to suspend their relationship due to the current investigation."

"Jared continues to cooperate with authorities and he expects no actions to be forthcoming," the company said.

"Both Jared and Subway agree that this was the appropriate step to take."

Federal prosecutors in May filed a criminal complaint charging

Taylor, 43, with seven counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. Fogle issued a statement after the charges were filed saying he was shocked by the allegations and was severing all ties with Taylor.

The Indianapolis Star photographed Fogle stepping out of a police evidence van parked outside his home Tuesday morning, and he left the house just after noon with attorney Ron Elberger.

Fogle declined to comment, but Elberger later released a statement saying his client is cooperating with authorities.

"Jared has been cooperating, and continues to cooperate, with law enforcement in their investigation of unspecified charges, and looks forward to its conclusion," Elberger said. Fogle, 37, became the Subway restaurant chain's pitchman after shedding 245 pounds more than 15 years ago, in part by regularly eating Subway sandwiches. Subway began featuring Fogle in commer-

cials soon after, and his story was instrumental in giving the sandwich chain an image as a healthy place to eat.

During a search of Taylor's home this spring, federal investigators say they discovered a cache of sexually explicit photos and videos Taylor allegedly produced by secretly filming minor children at the home.

They said they also allegedly found more than 400 videos of child pornography on computers and storage media recovered from Taylor's home office in his Indianapolis residence.

Taylor's attorney, Brad Banks, said Tuesday his client was briefly hospitalized after the allegations surfaced but is now in federal custody. Sheriff's officials have said Taylor tried to

take his own life in jail. "The only thing I can say is that I'm aware that there's an ongoing investigation," Banks said.

Tim Horty, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Indianapolis, said prosecutors "are moving forward" with the case against Taylor. He declined to comment on Tuesday's raid at Fogle's home.

Neighbors said Fogle and his wife entertained frequently and would say hello but that they didn't see the couple outside a lot.

Jacob Schrader, 19, who lives across from Fogle's house, said the pitchman seems "like a pretty private guy" and that he'd only seen him about a dozen times in the last five or six years. □

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Miss USA contestants dismiss Trump comments, show must go on

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Controversy continues to surround presidential candidate Donald Trump's comments painting Mexican immigrants as criminals, but the women taking part in the upcoming Miss USA pageant Trump co-owns say the show must go on.

Several Hispanic candidates and one immigrant from Albania taking part in the contest sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the pageant and Trump's comments.

They said everyone has a right to their opinions but distanced themselves from his comments on immigrants, said they're proud of their roots and hoped the upcoming pageant would shed light on the contributions of immigrants.

"It was hard to hear," said Natasha Martinez, whose mother emigrated to the United States as a young girl from Nicaragua.

"I think it's important to understand that immigrants come here looking for a

better life, and they do make these hard sacrifices like leaving their kids and their countries for long periods of time in hopes that they will be reunited and that they will be able to have a better life here in America," said Martinez who represents California. Trump, a real estate developer, television personality and now-presidential candidate, co-owns Miss Universe which produces the Miss USA pageant. The Miss USA pageant is scheduled to take place on July 12 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Trump slammed Mexican immigrants while announcing his presidential candidacy in June, blaming them for bringing drugs and crime to the U.S. and saying some are rapists.

The fallout was extensive. Macy's dropped his line of business suits. The Spanish-language broadcaster Univision cut ties with Trump. NBC dropped its pageant telecast. Trump has also been a fixture on NBC as host of "The Apprentice" and its celebrity offshoot, but an agreement that he would no longer be on the



Miss Georgia Brooke Fletcher lines up with fellow contestants as they rehearse for the upcoming Miss USA Pageant, to be held this week in Baton Rouge, La. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

show predated the current controversy.

Many celebrities tapped as judges, performers or hosts pulled out of the pageant. But the pageant will be broadcast. The cable and satellite channel Reelz, which reaches 70 million homes, said last Thursday that they had acquired the rights to show the pageant because of a belief that the pageant and the women who compete in it "are an integral part of American tradition."

Miss Mexico pageant director Lupita Jones said Mexico would boycott Miss Universe. She said Trump damaged the pageant and its tradition of convening countries for an event that showcases "friendship, unity and breaking down cultural barriers."

But the women who spoke to the AP said they were determined to remain in the pageant and compete despite their personal feelings about Trump's comments.

The women arrived in Baton Rouge last week where they have been rehearsing for the Sunday presentation and taking part in a number of pageant related activities.

Anea Garcia, who represents Rhode Island, has a grandmother from the Dominican Republic.

"It's not fair, and it's not OK to generalize one group of people," she said.

Miss Texas Ylianna Guerra said she was determined to stay in the pageant for herself and her supporters back in Texas. She said she worked hard to get to this point and she "wasn't go-

ing to let anybody down." Polikseni Manxhari emigrated to the U.S. at the young age of 5 from Albania and is now representing Massachusetts.

She said she's already brushed aside Trump's comments and is determined to stay focused on her mission — to live out her pageant dream and "inspire all immigrants to know that they can come here and make something of themselves and live the American dream."

The women also came out in support of fellow beauty pageant winner, Paulina Vega of Colombia who is the reigning Miss Universe. Vega has condemned Trump's comments but says she won't give up her crown, sparking Trump to call her a hypocrite. □

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Cosby accusers claim vindication in case

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — While many of Bill Cosby's accusers feel vindicated by his decade-old admission that he gave at least one woman quaaludes before sex, some of his Hollywood friends are reserving judgment, saying the testimony doesn't prove he committed a crime.

The testimony, unsealed Monday by a federal judge, reignited the furor that erupted last year, when dozens of women came forward to accuse the comedian of sexual as-

sault over the past four decades. Many said Cosby drugged and raped them. "I never thought I would be validated or vindicated in this," said Joan Tarshis, of Woodstock, New York, who accused Cosby of drugging and attacking her when she was breaking into comedy writing in 1969.

"I mean, it's turned my life around 180 because now all the people that haven't believed me or us have come out, most of them, and said, 'We were wrong.'"

The testimony came from

a deposition in a 2005 sexual abuse lawsuit brought against Cosby by a former Temple University basketball team employee, Andrea Constand. The case was settled on confidential terms, but it was the first in a torrent of lawsuits that have shattered Cosby's good-guy image as wise and understanding Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" in the 1980s and '90s. Questioned under oath, Cosby acknowledged giving quaaludes to a 19-year-old woman before they had sex in Las Vegas in 1976. □

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Carnival aims to launch Miami to Cuba cruises in May

S. MAYEROWITZ**AP Business Writer**

The world's largest cruise company could be heading to Cuba.

Starting in May, Carnival Corp. plans to offer trips from Miami to the Caribbean island nation, the company announced Tuesday. Carnival says it would become the first American cruise company to visit Cuba since the 1960 trade embargo.

The trips will be through its new brand, fathom, which focuses on trips where passengers sail to a destination in order to volunteer there. CEO Arnold Donald called the Cuba plans "an important first step" for his company and for the cruise industry.

"We're certain this is the tip of the iceberg in what's going to come in the years to come," Donald told The Associated Press.

The weeklong cruises will be aboard the Adonia, which carries 710 passengers. The ship is relatively small for the industry; ships sailing under

the company's namesake line carry nearly 3,000 passengers.

Adonia won't have a casino or Broadway shows. And guests shouldn't expect to spend their time in Cuba snorkeling or riding Jet Skis. Each day, under U.S. regulations governing Cuba visits, they will have to spend at least eight hours involved in some type of cultural experience.

Donald notes that the Adonia's small size allows the ship into Cuban ports that aren't ready to accommodate larger vessels. Carnival is expecting high demand for the voyages and has priced them accordingly.

Prices start at \$2,990 per person plus taxes and port fees.

The itinerary is still being finalized as Carnival waits for approval from the Cuban government. The ship is expected to visit several ports and passengers will sleep onboard each night.

Cuba is still closed for general tourism for Americans,



Arnold Donald, president and CEO of Carnival Corp., talks during an interview, Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in New York. Starting in May 2016, Carnival Corp. plans to offer trips from Miami to Cuba, the company announced Tuesday. Carnival says it would become the first American cruise company to visit the Caribbean island nation since the 1960 trade embargo.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

although as relations thaw between the two countries visitors have fewer hurdles to overcome. Americans can't just vacation in Cuba but must go there as part of

an approved cultural or humanitarian trip, unless they have family on the island. Carnival's license comes as part of recent approvals for six passenger vessels from

the Treasury Department. The government would not name the companies who received these licenses or what their specific line of business is. □

Panama City Beach rebounds after turbulent spring break

MELISSA GABRIEL
Associated Press

Following a spring break filled with shootings, an alleged gang rape and other mayhem, Panama City Beach is having a record-breaking summer tourism season as experts say the community did a good job of reacting to the negative news by quickly passing laws to curtail the chaos.

Panama City Beach tourism tax collections are up 13.5 percent so far this year over the same period in 2014. Hotels are at capacity and spending is at

record highs this summer. The area has seen a steady increase in visitors each of the past four years.

Panama City Beach found itself in the national news twice in March after a gunman wounded seven partygoers at a spring break house party and, in a separate event, three men allegedly gang raped a woman on the beach behind a popular night club. Felony charges have been filed in both cases. County and city leaders reacted by passing numerous ordinances in recent

weeks. They approved laws cracking down on loitering and enforcing crowd control. They also restricted beach drinking during March, when most of the problems happen as college students flock to the area from throughout the Southeast.

Leaders also recently announced plans for a public-private partnership to develop a new sports complex near the beach. Their goal is to lure youth sports teams for soccer, lacrosse, flag football and other tournaments. City leaders

hope teams, their families and coaches will start a new, family-oriented spring break trend in the area.

Chance Ates, a psychologist and hospitality industry expert with Miami's Johnson and Wales University, said Panama City Beach has done a good job turning around the negative publicity.

"They have been upfront about what has gone wrong and what needs to be done to change things next year. They are taking ownership of their city," he said.

Dan Rowe, president of Panama City Beach's convention and visitors' bureau, said spring break 2015 was a tipping point that forced community leaders to address long-ignored problems with crowds and drinking.

"We have a world-class beach and people want to come and enjoy that. (Visitors) understand that spring break is a limited season," he said.

He said the record summer comes as a relief. "It could have been worse for us than it has been." □

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Greece gets until Sunday for proposals to stave off collapse

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Frustrated and angry eurozone leaders fearing for the future of their common currency gave the Greek prime minister a last-minute chance Tuesday to finally come up with a viable proposal on how to save his country from financial ruin.

Overcoming their surprise when Alexis Tsipras failed to present them with a detailed reform blueprint, the leaders reluctantly agreed to a final summit on Sunday, saying the days leading up to it could give both sides an opportunity to stave off collapse of the struggling but defiant member nation.

Underscoring the gravity of the challenge, European Union President Donald Tusk decided to call all 28 EU leaders to Brussels, because, for the bloc, it "is maybe the most critical moment in our history."

French President Francois Hollande insisted much was at stake. "It's not just the problem of Greece — it's the future of the European Union," he said.

Highlighting the rising anger with Tsipras over months of foot-dragging and surprising negotiating twists, European Commission Pres-

ident Jean-Claude Juncker had a stark warning for Greece.

"We have a Grexit scenar-

in the next few hours with the aim of concluding until the end of the week at the latest," Tsipras said.

between Greece and its creditors.

Greece's eurozone partners have steadfastly said



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, center, leaves the building after an emergency summit of eurozone heads of state or government in Brussels on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Frustrated and angered eurozone leaders gave Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras a last-minute chance on Tuesday to finally come up with a viable proposal on how to save his country from financial ruin.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

io, prepared in detail," he said, apparently referring to the situation in which Greece would be forced out of the currency union. Speaking to reporters late Tuesday, Tsipras made it clear he had gotten the message that there wasn't a moment to waste as deadlines for debt payments that Greece cannot afford draw near.

"The process will be swift, it will be speedy, it will begin

According to a joint statement of the leaders, Tsipras must set out Greece's proposals in detail for a reform agenda by Thursday. The country's international creditors will then assess the plan to prepare for another meeting of eurogroup finance ministers and ultimately Sunday's summit of the full EU.

Often such detailed plans have fallen by the wayside amid political bickering

they want to help Greece stay in the currency club but have just as often complained about Greece dragging its feet during months of negotiations.

"At a certain point, you need to get to the truth," said Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, before asking: "Is there, yes or no, a political will of the Greek government?"

Patience among Greece's allies was wearing very thin

going into Tuesday's summit. "We are no longer talking about weeks but very few days," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "You know, there was a promise for today. Then, they're promising for tomorrow," said Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite. "For the Greek government it's every time 'manana.'"

Tsipras arrived in Brussels buoyed by a triumph in last Sunday's referendum, where an overwhelming majority of Greeks backed his call to reject the belt-tightening reforms that creditors had last proposed. But that domestic victory did not appear to give him much leverage in talks with foreign creditors, who know Tsipras needs a deal soon to keep his country afloat. Banks have been shut since last week and will not reopen before Thursday, cash withdrawals have been limited for just as long, and daily business throughout the country has come to a near standstill. In his flurry of contacts, Tsipras spoke by phone with President Barack Obama, and the White House said it was in Europe's interest to reach a resolution that puts Greece on the path toward economic growth and stability. □

200 detonators, explosives stolen from French military site

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — At least one thief sneaked into a French military munitions compound and made off with a stash of detonators, grenades and explosives, officials said Tuesday, stoking security concerns in a country reeling from recent attacks by extremists. French authorities were investigating the mystery

theft of 180 detonators, 40 grenades and 10 blocks of 250 grams of plastic explosives from the multi-service Miramas military site near Marseille in southeast France, officials said. One said the culprit or culprits appeared to have cut through security fencing to get inside.

The break-in, believed to have taken place overnight Sunday to Monday,

has sent a shudder through a country that recently has raised its terrorism alert status to the highest level after deadly attacks by extremists in January and last month. The defense minister ordered an immediate review of security at France's military weapons stockpiles.

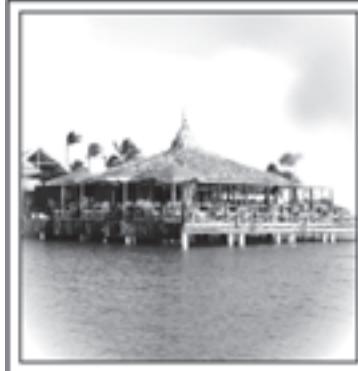
Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin said in a statement that an investigation has

begun on charges of "theft with break-in carried out by a criminal group" and "fraudulent entry into a military compound."

Speaking to The Associated Press, Robin declined to provide details but said simply: "All leads are under consideration. No single lead is being ruled out" about whether the perpetrator or perpetrators might have terrorism

or other criminal motivations.

Officials with the gendarmerie police force, which generally runs law enforcement in rural areas, said the thief or thieves appeared to have cut through a fence to enter the high-security site. The officials were not authorized to speak publicly because the operation is ongoing. □



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Britons mark 10th anniversary of London transit attacks



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, second from left, and London Mayor Boris Johnson, fourth from left, stand beside senior representatives from the ambulance, left, fire, third left, and police services as they wait to lay wreaths at the 7/7 memorial in Hyde Park in London, Tuesday, July 7, 2015. (AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

ASHLEY CHAN
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britons paused in silence, laid flowers and lit candles Tuesday to mark the 10th anniversary of suicide bombings on London's transit system in the worst terror attack on British soil and a day of pain seared into London's collective memory.

Four British men inspired by al-Qaida blew themselves up on three London subway trains and a bus during the morning rush hour on July 7, 2005, killing 52 com-

muters and injuring more than 700. The memory of that morning remains raw in this country of 64 million. Solemn ceremonies were held throughout the capital, starting at the memorial in London's Hyde Park devoted to the victims. Prime Minister David Cameron and London Mayor Boris Johnson walked through the memorial's 52 pillars — one for each victim — to lay wreaths.

At 8:50 a.m., the moment the attacks began, the park fell silent. Families of

victims clutched flowers. Some in the crowd bowed their heads.

Survivor Sajda Mughal said the memories never really go away.

"(The ceremony) drew me back to the very same day, when I experienced the whole traumatic event being down there in the Piccadilly line, hearing those screams, people banging on the carriage," she said. "And then, as I was watching the wreath being laid, I came back to 2015 and I thought 'Well, I am alive,'

thank God I'm alive.' But unfortunately, we've lost 52 lives."

The families organized a service of their own later in the day, a chance for them to remember in a way of their choosing — with music, personal comments and a cup of tea. Prince William asked the families if he could attend, and sat quietly in the front row in solidarity with their grief.

The enduring pain of the day was evident in the tears of survivor Emma Craig, who was only 14 in 2005 when she was on her way to a work experience trip to a legal firm in east London.

"All of us lost our innocence on that day, our naivety, the thought that 'some-

thing like that could never happen to me' or even to London," she said.

Trembling, she offered contrast in a day of speeches etched with defiance, delivering a harder truth. She said that while people will say "terrorism won't break us," Craig knew only too well that it isn't so simple.

"The fact is it may not have broken London, but it did break some of us," she said. The attack occurred two years after Britain took part in the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. But former Prime Minister Tony Blair, the nation's leader at the time of the bombings, said Tuesday that terrorism was "a global problem" that affected countries regardless of their involvement in the war in Iraq. □

Spain:

Woman held for recruiting girls, teens for IS

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spanish police on Tuesday arrested a woman suspected of recruiting pre-teen girls and teenagers to send to areas controlled by the Islamic State armed group in Syria. An Interior Ministry statement said the woman, a Spaniard, was arrested in the city of Arrecife on the Canary Island of Lanzarote. Separately, the

ministry said Civil Guard police arrested an Algerian-born man wanted on terrorism charges by Belgium, where he previously resided. The man, whose name was not released, is a suspected member of the Islamic State group and had fought in Syria. He was arrested in Barcelona airport while waiting for a connecting flight, after flying from Algeria.

The ministry said the woman in Arrecife maintained contact with Islamic State militants in Syria, including a facilitator who gave her orders for recruiting girls and arranging their travel to Syria. Girls and teens who she helped get to Syria ended up being sexually exploited, did domestic work and work in hospitals and had roles policing women, the statement said. □

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Syrian troops repel militants attack on Aleppo neighborhood



In this image posted on the Twitter page of Syria's al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front early Tuesday, July 7, 2015, fighters from the Nusra Front fire their weapons against the Syrian government forces at the western Zahra neighborhood in Aleppo city, Syria.

(Al-Nusra Front via AP)

ALBERT AJI
BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press
DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —
 Syrian troops and pro-government gunmen repelled on Tuesday an offensive by rebels and Muslim militia said.

tants on a neighborhood in the northern city of Aleppo while opposition activists claimed that the army carried out a chlorine gas attack in another part of the city, activists and state media said.

The offensive, led by members of al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front, began late Monday with a suicide attack followed by a ground offensive that led to the capture of several buildings in the west-

ern Zahra neighborhood, activists said.

State news agency SANA said troops were able to destroy the vehicle rigged with explosives before it reached its target in Zahra. It added that troops repelled the attack, killing and wounding dozens of insurgents in Zahra and other parts of Aleppo. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the suicide attack that was carried by members of the Nusra Front, killed 25 troops and pro-government gunmen. The group added that 19 insurgents have been killed since Monday in Zahra.

A former industrial and commercial hub, Aleppo has been carved up between government and rebel-held neighborhoods since July 2012. With Syria's largest city devastated by three years of fighting, many of its residents have long fled.

"The city is witnessing fierce

battles and the shelling is daily and intense," said Aleppo-based activist Ibrahim Khatib via Skype. "The situation is bad and residents are living through difficult humanitarian conditions."

Opposition fighters and Islamic militants have launched a series of attacks in Aleppo since last week, capturing the city's Scientific Research Center that was used as a military base. Activists said Syrian troops and pro-government gunmen have been trying to retake the base with no luck so far.

The Local Coordination Committees and the Observatory said government troops used chlorine gas on Tuesday during an attempt to regain control of the Scientific Research Center. The Observatory's chief Rami Abdurrahman said there were no casualties among the militants since most of them were wearing masks. □

Kurdish forces impose 1-week curfew in northern Syria

BEIRUT (AP) — Kurdish authorities in northern Syria have imposed a one-week curfew in certain areas that they recently captured from the Islamic State group, an activist group said Tuesday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the curfew will begin on Wednesday and will apply to Kurdish-held areas in Raqqa province and the outskirts of the nearby town of Ras Al-Ayn. It said people who plan to move during this period will have to get approval from the local Kurdish police force known as "Asayish."

Members of the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, have captured large parts of northern Syria from IS in recent months under the cover of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition. Counterattacks by the extremists have left scores dead.

On Monday, IS fighters captured the town of Ein Issa and nearby villages in a surprising attack on Kurdish forces,

two weeks after the YPG captured the town.

In another push, IS fighters last month attacked the northern Syrian town of Kobani, killing more than 200

people in the town that became a symbol of Kurdish resistance against extremists. Fighting continued for days until IS militants were killed or surrendered.

Juan Mohammed, a Kurdish official in northern Syria, had no confirmation about the one-week curfew, but said the move makes sense and there have been curfews imposed in other areas under YPG control recently.

"We are in a state of open war and caution is important. Such measures should be taken to prevent infiltrations," Mohammed said.

The Observatory said 78 IS

fighters have been killed since Sunday either in clashes with the YPG or by airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition.

On Monday, YPG spokesman Redur Khalil said that during the month of June, 483 IS fighters were killed in clashes with Kurdish fighters.

He added that the YPG has the bodies of 223 IS militants as well as six prisoners.

Khalil said 62 YPG fighters were killed in June in 44 battles they fought against IS.

Also Tuesday the World Food Program said that along with a local partner

they made a breakthrough delivery of urgently needed food assistance in Raqqa province after more than eight months of disrupted access to the governorate. The WFP said the distribution occurred in the border town of Tal Abyad that was captured last month by Kurdish fighters from IS.

It said a convoy carrying 2,000 food rations in support of 10,000 people arrived in Tal Abyad Thursday from the northern Syrian town of Qamishli. WFP added that on the same day, 2,000 monthly food rations were distributed to families in need. □

Pope presses environment message in bio-diverse Ecuador



Pope Francis walks with his pastoral staff to celebrate Mass at Bicentennial Park in Quito, Ecuador, Tuesday, July 7, 2015. The Mass featured readings in Quichua, the native language mostly spoken in Ecuador, and Ecuadorean vestments for the pope. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) —

Pope Francis challenged Latin America's youth to take up his environmental protection campaign Tuesday, saying the defense of God's creation isn't just a recommendation but a requirement.

Francis' appeal, delivered at Quito's Catholic University, is particularly relevant for Ecuador, a Pacific nation that is home to one of the world's most species-diverse ecosystems in the Galapagos Islands and Amazon rain forest, but is also an OPEC country heavily dependent on oil

extraction.

Francis told students and professors that God gave humanity the Earth to not only cultivate, but to care for—a message he framed earlier this month in his headline-grabbing encyclical on the environment.

"It is no longer a mere recommendation, but rather a requirement because of the harm we have inflicted on it by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed it," he said.

He challenged universities to ensure that students' educations aren't aimed only at profitable careers but at helping the poor and the

Indigenous leaders complain of being left out of pope's agenda

FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) —

Ecuador's largest indigenous association is complaining that it was left off of Pope Francis's agenda during his visit to Ecuador, where the group has been at odds with President Rafael Correa.

The head of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities, Jorge Herrera, said Roman Catholic Church officials never responded clearly to the group's request to meet directly with

Francis during his three days in the country.

"It seems we're not being permitted a direct voice," he said late Monday.

The pope has made outreach to indigenous people a persistent theme during his three-nation South American tour. He has said indigenous peoples are the most vital stewards of the environment and the group most hurt by the ravages of deforestation and contamination by petroleum and mining industries. □

environment.

"There is a relationship between our life and that of mother Earth, between the way we live and the gift we have received from God," he said.

Francis' environmental message has been cheered by indigenous groups, who have complained of being increasingly marginalized by Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa as he pushes mining and oil drilling in the Amazon. That push, coupled with high crude prices, allowed Correa to lift 1.3 million people out of poverty in his eight years in office. Francis has called for environmentally responsible development, one that is aimed at helping the poor without sacrificing the planet. It was a message he was

likely to repeat later in the day at a meeting with indigenous groups, and then later this week in Bolivia, the next stop on his three-nation South American tour. Bolivian President Evo Morales has been hailed as an environmental hero to many for demanding rich nations do more to halt global warming, but he has been assailed by conservationists at home who say he puts oil and gas extraction ahead of clean water and forests.

Francis began his last full day in Ecuador with an open-air Mass that drew more than 1 million people and featured readings in Quichua, the native language mostly spoken in Ecuador, and Ecuadorean vestments for the pope. □

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Chile:

Lower house of Congress OK's marijuana bill

LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

A bill to allow Chileans to grow small amounts of marijuana for medical, recreational or spiritual use won approval Tuesday in the country's lower house of Congress.

The measure, which would allow each Chilean home to grow up to six marijuana plants, passed a vote of 68 to 39, with five abstentions. It still must go before a health commission and be approved by the Senate.

"We're celebrating the overwhelming approval of this project," said Ana Maria Gazmuri, president of the Daya Foundation, a nonprofit group that sponsors pain-relieving therapies, including the recent planting and harvesting of Chile's first government-approved medical marijuana.

"This project is on the right path and we're optimistic that it will be passed quickly. It should go through the health commission in a month at most, and ideally it should be approved by the Senate in two months." Planting, selling and transporting marijuana is illegal in Chile and carries prison terms of up to 15 years. Chileans who wish to use



Cecilia Heyder smells a marijuana plant in the La Florida municipality of Santiago, Chile. While Chilean law already allows medical use of marijuana with the authorization of several ministries, on July 7, 2015 Chile's lower house of Congress approved a bill to allow Chileans to grow small amounts of marijuana for recreational or spiritual use.

(AP Photo/Luis Hidalgo)

marijuana for medical purposes must obtain government approval, a process many describe as cumbersome.

"We need to stop judging citizens who are seeking recreation," said Denise Pascal, a lawmaker for the Socialist Party. "We want to legalize the planting for personal use so we can stop calling people delinquents when they're not. With this, we're eliminating drug dealing."

A Chilean municipality began planting the country's first legal medical marijuana in October as part of a government-approved pilot program aimed at helping ease the pain endured by cancer patients.

Chile is joining an international trend of easing restrictions on marijuana for medical or personal use. More than 20 U.S. states allow some form of medical marijuana and Colorado and Washington have le-

galized personal use. In the Americas, Uruguay became the first nation to create a legal marijuana market in 2013.

Some lawmakers criticized the measure, saying it would lead to more drug use, especially among young Chileans.

"This is a bad project and authorities have been largely absent," said Sergio Espejo a deputy for the center-right Christian Democratic Party. □

Top Jamaica cop troubled by spike in homicides: AP

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) —

Jamaica's top police official said Monday there has been a "troubling" and "unacceptable" increase in killings, with 602 homicides so far this year on the Caribbean island that has long grappled with high rates of violent crime.

There have been reductions in every other major crime category in 2015, but homicides are on the rise, Police Commissioner Carl Williams said. Half of the slayings are rooted in gang conflicts and 80 percent are done with guns, according to police statistics.

"Our communities continue to be ravaged by the senseless spilling of blood," Williams said. Last year, Jamaica saw double-digit decreases in every crime category, including a 16 percent drop in homicides.

The 1,005 slayings recorded in 2014 was the lowest annual total in over a decade on the island of 2.7 million people. It's a long way from National Security Minister Peter Bunting's goal of reducing crime to "First World levels" by 2017, when he hopes Jamaica will have a maximum of about 320 homicides. Still, last year's reduction in killings was touted by Bunting as a "breakthrough year in the fight against crime."

With slayings ticking upward, Jamaica is increasing joint operations between the police and military. Williams said there will be an intensified presence of law enforcers on the streets, with officers "dominating major thoroughfares and occupying public spaces to deny criminals the opportunity to operate." □

Backers of Colombia talks: Dial-down hostilities

HAVANA (AP) — Two countries aiding Colombia's peace talks called on both the government and rebels Tuesday to ease hostilities to help the tense negotiations move forward.

The joint statement from Cuba and Norway in Havana, which is hosting the long-running negotiations, followed intensified attacks

by both sides that could put the future of the peace talks at risk. "We urge the parties to restrict as much as possible all kind of actions that cause victims and suffering in Colombia, and to intensify the implementation of measures to build trust," Cuban diplomat Rodolfo Benitez said, reading from the communique.

Since the guerrilla group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia lifted a unilateral cease-fire in May, at least 30 rebels and 10 military personnel have died in fighting. Over the weekend, Colombia's top government negotiator warned that time for a deal is running out. Rebel leader Ivan Marquez, who

is taking part in the talks, read a statement saying the guerrillas want to sign a peace accord and called for calm and perseverance at the talks. Talks, which began in late 2012, resumed last Friday following a brief recess and are currently centered on reparations for victims of the decades-old armed conflict. □

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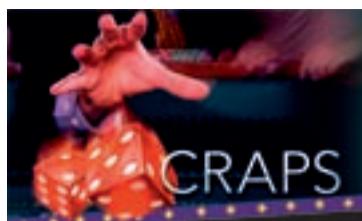
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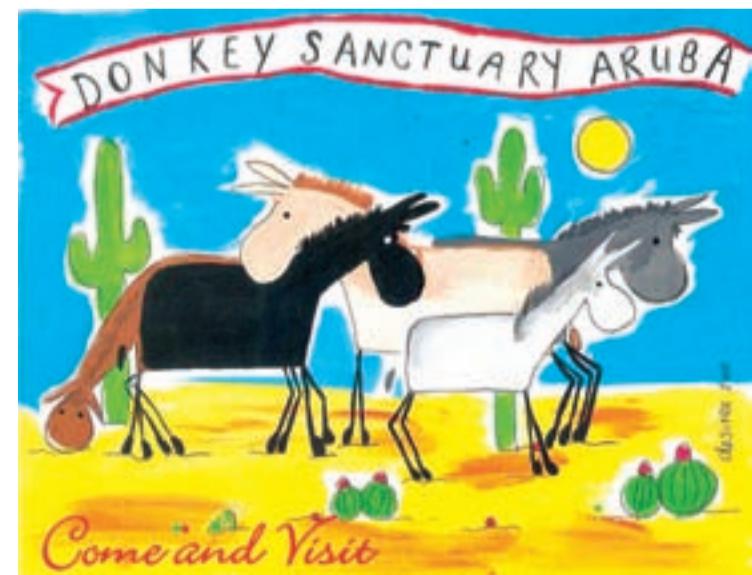


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Serena Williams of the United States celebrates winning the singles match against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday July 7, 2015. Williams won 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Associated Press

Williams gets past Azarenka; Sharapova next

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Even as Serena Williams piled up aces and groundstroke winners from all angles, even as she stormed through seven games in a row and 10 of the last 13 in yet another comeback, her Wimbledon quarterfinal against Victoria Azarenka never felt like a runaway.

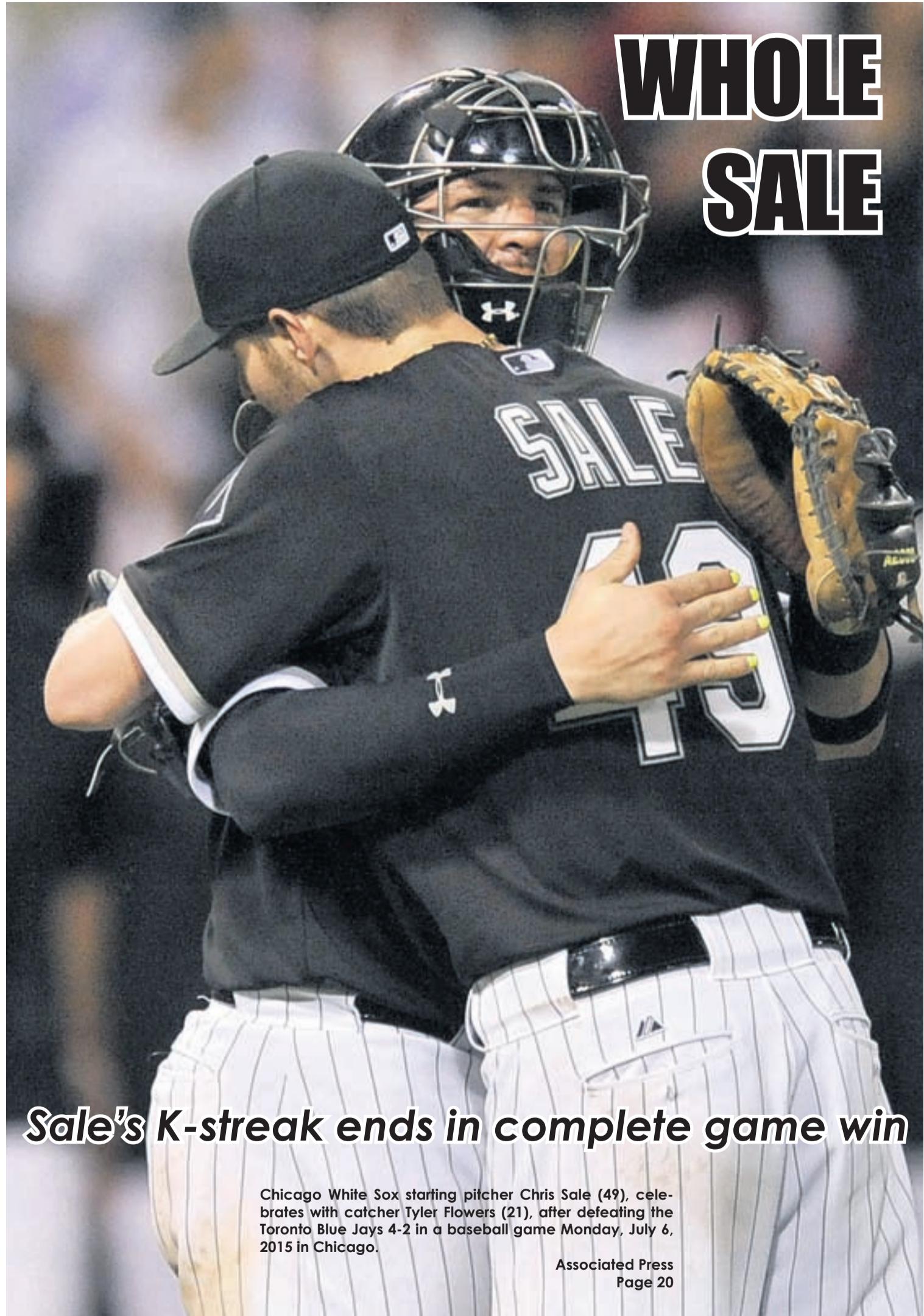
That's because Azarenka, a two-time major champion and former No. 1 in her own right, was playing spectacular tennis, too, nearly the equal of Williams in every facet.

Nearly.

For when Williams finds her best game, she becomes unbeatable. And for her past 26 Grand Slam matches she is, indeed, unbeaten. Erasing an early deficit at Centre Court, Williams got past Azarenka 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 Tuesday with the help of 17 aces and a remarkable ratio of 46 winners to 12 unforced errors.

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WHOLE SALE



Sale's K-streak ends in complete game win

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale (49), celebrates with catcher Tyler Flowers (21), after defeating the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 in a baseball game Monday, July 6, 2015 in Chicago.

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Associated Press

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

CAMBRAI, France (AP) — Having stayed safe on the treacherous cobblestones, Chris Froome cared little about conceding the race leader's yellow jersey to Tony Martin on Tuesday's fourth stage of an action-packed Tour de France. After crashing out of last year's race early, following three crashes in two days, Froome had good reason to be nervous given that this stage featured seven sections of cobbles.

But the nightmare scenario

never materialized, and the British rider repelled the attacks of defending Tour champion Vincenzo Nibali as the valiant Italian failed to claw back time on him. "I wasn't trying to show how strong I was on the cobbles today; it was about staying out of trouble," said Froome, the 2013 Tour champion. "Congratulations to Tony for his late attack."

Relieved after cruising through the final paved section, Froome did not chase as the German rider peeled away some 3 kilometers (2 miles) from the line to clinch a fifth Tour stage win and take the yellow after narrowly missing it on stage 1. "While Tony's a great time trialist, he's not going to be there in the mountains," Froome said. "I'm happy to see the jersey go to him rather than any of the big overall rivals. This is the perfect situation for us."

Ferocious side-winds in stage 3, a huge crash on stage 4 that took down 20 riders and put five out of the race, and Tuesday's cobbles have presented riders with a dangerous cocktail of hazards.

Froome's come through them unscathed and with a healthy lead over his rivals. He leads two-time Tour champion Alberto Contador by 36 seconds; Nibali by 1:38 and Colombian rider Nairo Quintana, the 2013 runner-up, by 1:56.

"We can all let off a big sigh of relief after today," Froome said. "It was a stressful stage and sketchy on the cobbles, and I know we'll all be sleeping a lot better tonight."

The 30-year-old Martin, a three-time world time trial champion who finished second to Rohan Dennis in stage 1's time trial, fell into the arms of his teammates after the stage. Countryman John Degenkolb finished second and Slovak Peter Sagan was third.

"All the pressure of the last days has come off," said Martin, who was one second behind Froome overnight. "I was really on the limit. I got round the last corner and I was surprised I could make it."

After the final cobblestone section, he got a flat tire and swapped bikes with teammate Matteo Trentin.

"Changing the bike, with the wrong position, I was just thinking to finish," Martin said. "Suddenly, five kilometers (from) the finish, I just decided to give it a chance."

He leads Froome by 12 seconds and American rider Tejay Van Garderen — shaping up as a dangerous outsider — by 25 seconds.

Nibali, who built last year's win on the back of a brilliant performance on the slippery cobbles, failed repeatedly to crack Froome's resistance.

"I don't have any regrets," Nibali said. "Froome is very strong."

After Monday's spill, riders hardly relished the cobbles dotted along the 223.5-kilometer (138.6-mile) trek from Seraing to Cambrai, as the race crossed the Meuse river in Belgium's Walloon region before swinging back into France.

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Williams Azarenka

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"It's been up and down, up and down, but somehow I'm still alive. I don't know how," said Williams, who twice was two points from losing to Britain's Heather Watson in the third round and is now 14-0 in three-setters and 37-1 overall in 2015. "So we'll see what happens, but I'm just happy to still be here."

She is closing in on a fourth consecutive major title for a self-styled Serena Slam, which she already accomplished in 2002-03. Pull that off, and Williams also will have the third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam and go to the U.S. Open with a chance to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four major trophies in one season. "I haven't seen her play like this, honestly," said Azarenka, who has lost 17 of 20 matches against Williams and all 10 meetings at majors, including after leading by a set and a break at the French Open in May.

In Thursday's semifinals, No. 1 Williams faces No. 4 Maria Sharapova, who beat unseeded American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-2. Williams is 17-2 against Sharapova, including 16 straight victories. But one of Sharapova's wins came at Wimbledon, in the 2004 final, when at age 17 she stunned Williams for the first of her five Grand Slam titles.

"Definitely no secrets between each other's games," Sharapova said. Williams, whose major trophy count is at 20, said of the matchup: "I look forward to it."

Here was the scouting report from Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou: "If

she plays like today, I don't think anyone can compete." Pick an adjective for Williams-Azarenka. Intense. Riveting. Entertaining. Sublime. For 2 hours, 4 minutes on a windy, cloudy day, that's what this was. Both hit the ball hard. Both covered the court from corner to corner. "We put on a great show," Azarenka said.

The other semifinal is No. 13 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland against No. 20 Garbine Muguruza of Spain. The men's quarterfinals are Wednesday: Novak Djokovic vs. Marin Cilic, Roger Federer vs. Gilles Simon, Andy Murray vs. Vasek Pospisil, and Stan Wawrinka vs. Richard Gasquet. Djokovic finished his 6-7 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 fourth-round victory over Kevin Anderson on Tuesday; it was suspended because of darkness after four sets Monday.

Radwanska, the 2012 runner-up, eliminated No. 21 Madison Keys of the United States 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3. Muguruza reached her first major semifinal by defeating No. 15 Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 7-5, 6-3.

Radwanska compiled 13 winners, 35 fewer than the big-hitting Keys. But on the flip side was this statistic: Radwanska made seven unforced errors, Keys 40. Just as Keys pushed Radwanska, the 47th-ranked Vandeweghe gave Sharapova all she could handle, especially in the second set, building a 19-5 edge in winners. Soaking it all in during her first Grand Slam quarterfinal — it was Sharapova's 23rd — Vandeweghe repeatedly waved her arms after significant points, motioning to spectators to make more noise and be less, well, genteel.

"I relished it pretty well. I enjoyed my experience. I enjoyed the crowd out

there," said Vandeweghe, whose grandfather and uncle were NBA players and grandmother was a Miss America. "I didn't enjoy the result too much."

That's because Sharapova, so passive in the second set, turned it on at the end, claiming the final three games. Similarly, Williams was too good in the late going. From 2-all in the second set, Williams went about 45 minutes without dropping a game, taking that set and going ahead 3-0 in the third. □



Novak Djokovic of Serbia jumps to return a ball to Kevin Anderson of South Africa during their singles match against at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday July 7, 2015.

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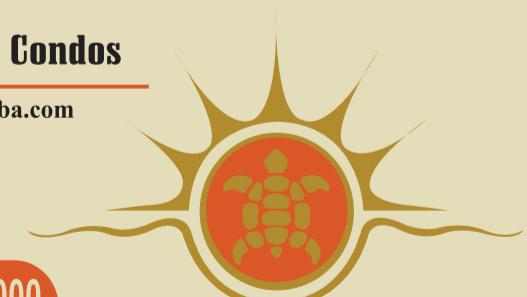
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Sale strikeout streak ends, pitches White Sox past Jays

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CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Sale's bid for a record strikeout streak ended, but he pitched a six-hitter to help the Chicago White Sox to a 4-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night in the fastest major league game in almost four years.

Sale (7-4) had struck out at least 10 batters in eight straight starts, matching the major league mark set by Pedro Martinez in 1999. The All-Star left-hander finished with six strikeouts while outpitching former mentor Mark Buehrle (9-5), who also went the distance.

There were no walks in a game that took only 1 hour, 54 minutes. It was the speediest big league game since Tampa Bay and Kansas City took 1:53 on Aug. 9, 2011, STATS said. All of Chicago's runs were unearned. An error by shortstop Jose Reyes leading off the eighth helped the White Sox score three times and overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Josh Donaldson and Chris Colabello homered for Toronto.

TIGERS 12, MARINERS 5

SEATTLE (AP) — Nick Castellanos hit a home run and drove in four runs to lead a 19-hit outburst from Detroit in a win over Seattle.

Castellanos had a season-high four hits and matched



Chicago White Sox starter Chris Sale delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays Monday, July 6, 2015 in Chicago.

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a season best with four RBIs. Victor Martinez added four hits, while J.D. Martinez had three hits and two RBIs. Mayckol Guaipe (0-1) took the loss after allowing three runs on two hits and a walk without getting an out in relief.

Alfredo Simon (8-5) gave up five runs on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings to earn the win. Mariners starter Hisashi Iwakuma allowed five runs on eight hits in five-plus innings. He struck out three in his return from a strain in

his back and right shoulder area that sent him to the disabled list in April.

TWINS 4, ORIOLES 2, 10 IN-

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Brian Dozier hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to lift Min-

nesota to the victory. Dozier lined a 2-1 pitch from Tommy Hunter (2-2) into the seats in left for his 17th homer. Earlier in the day, Dozier was selected as one of the five candidates for the final roster spot on the AL All-Star team.

Trevor May (5-7) pitched a scoreless 10th inning to earn the win in his first relief appearance of the season.

Torii Hunter and Aaron Hicks also homered for Minnesota. Manny Machado and Adam Jones went deep for Baltimore.

ASTROS 9, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Dallas Keuchel pitched six innings on the same day he was selected for the AL All-Star team, leading Houston to the road win.

Keuchel (11-3), who leads the league in wins and is second with a 2.14 ERA, is a strong candidate to start next Tuesday's game in Cincinnati. The left-hander allowed three runs and nine hits. □

Marc Gasol confirms new 5-year contract with Memphis

GIRONA, Spain (AP) — NBA center Marc Gasol has confirmed that he will sign a new five-year contract with the Memphis Grizzlies. The 30-year-old free agent tells Spanish media he will

stay at Memphis, as The Associated Press reported on Monday.

Marc Gasol adds that he won't play for Spain alongside brother Pau Gasol in the upcoming European championships from Sept. 5-20, saying "I have to devote myself and listen to the people of Memphis."

Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace issued a statement Tuesday saying that "the team has been engaged in negotiations" with Gasol and free-agent forward Brandan Wright "and intends to sign them both to player contracts at

the conclusion of the NBA moratorium period."

The AP previously had reported that Wright had agreed to terms on a three-year deal worth about \$18 million.

The 7-foot-1 Marc Gasol is coming off the best season of his seven-year NBA career. He averaged 17.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 3.8 assists last season for Memphis.

Wright averaged 7.3 points and 4.3 rebounds in 2014-15 while spending time with the Dallas Mavericks, Boston Celtics and Phoenix Suns. □

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Rollins rallies Dodgers past his old Phillies team, 10-7



Los Angeles Dodgers' Jimmy Rollins scores on a double by Joc Pederson against the Philadelphia Phillies during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Monday, July 6, 2015.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Rollins hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning against his former team, rallying NL West-leading Los Angeles past last-place Philadelphia.

With one out, Jeanmar Gomez gave up consecutive singles to Yasiel Puig and Andre Ethier, who moved up on pinch-hitter Alberto Callaspo's groundout to the pitcher. Rollins followed with a two-run single to left-center, and Cody Asche's throw home pulled catcher Carlos Ruiz away from the plate. He stretched in an effort to tag Ethier, but lost the ball in the process. Rollins came home on a double by All-Star rookie Joc Pederson, giving the Dodgers a 10-7 lead in a game that lasted 4 hours, 13 minutes.

CARDINALS 6, CUBS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — John Lackey threw seven scoreless innings and St. Louis beat Chicago despite Jon Lester taking a no-hitter into the seventh.

Signed to a six-year, \$155 million deal over the offseason, Lester (4-7) remained winless in nine straight starts since beating Pittsburgh on May 16. He allowed two hits and two unearned runs while striking out eight for Chicago.

Lester's bid for his second

career no-hitter ended with one out in the seventh when Kris Bryant couldn't handle Jhonny Peralta's sharp grounder in back of third base.

The Chicago defense then let Lester down when Bryant's throw to second on a Jason Heyward grounder went into right field. That was followed by Yadier Molina's run-scoring sacrifice fly to right, and Kolten Wong's RBI single to left that put St. Louis ahead 2-0.

BRAVES 5, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kelly Johnson homered and drove in three runs as Atlanta ended Milwaukee's eight-game winning streak. The game was held up in the ninth inning while an injured fan received medical attention after getting hit by a line drive.

A.J. Pierzynski had four hits, including two doubles, and rookie pitcher Matt Wisler won for the third time in four career starts.

Johnson launched a two-run homer to right field in the first off Kyle Lohse. Milwaukee avoided further damage when Juan Uribe was caught in a rundown after attempting to score on a grounder to third later in the inning.

Gerardo Parra hit a lead-off homer for the Brewers

in the bottom half, his third this season.

METS 3, GIANTS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jonathon Niese pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in nearly two months, and New York beat San Francisco to hand the World Series champions their seventh straight defeat.

Johnny Monell snapped a scoreless tie with a two-run double in the ninth against his former team. Michael Cuddyer had two hits, including a single that started the winning rally, to help the Mets improve to 3-1 on a six-game West Coast trip. It was New York's second consecutive shutout, including an 8-0 victory Sunday at Dodger Stadium behind rookie Steven Matz. Juan Lagares added an RBI single to make it 3-0, and Jeurys Familia closed for his 23rd save. Mets pitchers have allowed exactly three hits in each of their last three wins.

PIRATES 2, PADRES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pedro Alvarez singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning, sending Pittsburgh to its eighth win in 10 games.

Alvarez's second career game-ending hit also beat his father-in-law, Padres interim manager Pat Mur-

phy. Andrew McCutchen started the winning rally with a one-out walk off Brandon Maurer (5-2).

Jared Hughes (2-1) pitched one scoreless inning for the win as the Pirates beat the Padres for just the fourth time in the team's last 20 meetings at PNC Park.

REDS 3, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eugenio Suarez hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth in-

ning, and the Reds stopped the Nationals' nine-game home winning streak.

Suarez went 3 for 4 with two RBIs to help the Reds snap a three-game skid and improve to 4-0 against Washington this year, clinching the season series.

With the score knotted at 2, Suarez drove an 0-2 pitch from Casey Janssen (0-2) just inside the left-field foul pole. □



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- By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for overeating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker.

One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood

to the heart. Pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the ankles, legs or abdomen, and increased urination, are all symptoms that may signal that the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to keep pace with the energy demands of the body, congestive heart failure. If you suspect any of the above, it may be a good idea to have a check-up.

CoQ10 is found in every cell in the body. CoQ10 assists enzymes in bringing oxygen into the cells and producing energy needed for cell growth and maintenance. It is also used by the body as an antioxidant. An antioxidant is a substance that protects cells from unhealthy chemicals called free radicals. Free radicals are highly reactive chemicals that can damage parts of cells, including DNA. DNA is a molecule inside cells that carries genetic information and passes it from one generation to the next. This damage may play a role in the development of cancer. Low blood levels of CoQ10 have been found in patients with bone, lymph gland, breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and other cancers. Think of CoQ10 as an accelerator pedal in your car that sends more fuel to your heart. If the fuel is not available, symptoms of congestive heart failure develop. The fuel for your body is ATP whose structure includes a sugar called ribose. Combining the dietary supplement D-ribose together with CoQ10 is an energizing combination.

As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufacturers are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid.

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs.

Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic

acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium. In Germany, alpha-lipoic acid is an approved medical treatment for nerve damage and pain, a common complication of diabetes.

It speeds the removal of glucose from the bloodstream, at least partly by enhancing insulin function, and it reduces insulin resistance, the foundation of many cases of coronary heart disease and obesity. The richest food source of alpha-lipoic acid is red meat.

Alpha lipoic acid binds easily with CoQ10 making it better absorbed by your body. Because of insufficient dietary intake of healthy oils, taking alpha-lipoic acid together with CoQ10 is a good way to increase absorption of both. These two supplements in combination are extremely effective for prolonging cellular vitality and reducing the body's production of unhealthy free radicals. ALA and CoQ10 also enhance production of ATP which is the body's form of energy. D-Ribose alone can help your body refuel and stay energized a must for athletes, older individuals, exhausted parents or anyone with busy lives. Together, ALA with CoQ10 and D-ribose help produce much more energy for all body functions, including exercise and relaxing and recovery of the body's muscles. This is a joyous thing, especially for the heart.

Get The Point! Dietary supplements are important tools that can be used to

maintain or return health; but, like carpentry tools, knowledge on how to use them is instrumental. An appointment with a clinical nutritionist can identify your personal needs and introduce the correct co-workers to do the best job. My biocompatible protocol also includes heavy metal and other detoxification and acupuncture, a treatment that rebalances the body's energy, relaxes tight muscles and increases the effectiveness of dietary supplements. Want to allow more joy into your heart? Check out this and more in my book or call to make an appointment.

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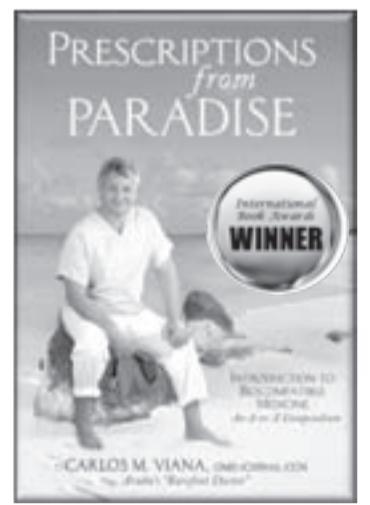
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Young Indians embrace dating apps despite social taboos

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Aditi Mendiratta's biggest worry as she's swiping left and right is hiding the smartphone notifications that read "Congratulations! You have a new match" from her parents.

"They wouldn't be cool with it," the 20-year-old journalism student said, flipping her long black hair out of her face. "I'd probably be lectured a zillion times about how irresponsible I am."

Mendiratta is one of hundreds of thousands of young Indians nervously exploring online dating apps — and breaking with India's centuries-old traditions governing marriage and social conduct.

The dating app market has exploded in recent years, with more than a dozen companies operating in India and more than a million smartphone users who have downloaded at least one of them.

The success of social dating apps may be somewhat surprising in India, a deeply conservative country where arranged marriage is still the norm and marrying outside of one's religious or ethnic community is often frowned upon. But youths raised during an era of economic growth and modernization are eagerly embracing Western ideas, and increasingly willing to risk scandal to do so. "In India, you need to have a reference to speak with anyone," Sagar Datta, a 24-year-old interior designer who has met at least 20 people, both men and women, he was introduced to through an app. "I never imagined strangers would be open to meeting strangers, just by looking at



In this June 22, 2015 photo, Indian student Aditi Mendiratta checks her mobile phone at her friend's place in New Delhi, India. Mendiratta is one of hundreds of thousands of young Indians nervously exploring online dating apps — and breaking with India's centuries-old traditions governing marriage and social conduct.

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pictures of each other." App developers are seizing on what they see as enormous potential in India, where half of the 1.2 billion population is younger than 25 and smartphone sales are projected to surge 67 percent this year alone. Indian companies are coming up with home-grown dating apps to compete with imports like Los Angeles-based Tinder. They even have the quirky names down: Woo, Thrill, TrulyMadly, HitchUp and DesiCrush, to name a few. But because dating is still widely seen as a social taboo in India,

"it is very difficult to get girls in India to start using a dating app," said Sachin Bhatia, co-founder of India's TrulyMadly.

Success also requires navigating extra security concerns, developers said. India has been roiled in recent years by a series of high-profile cases of gang rape and violence against women, leading to front-

page headlines and stricter laws on women's safety. "We realized verification, security and privacy are very important" to women, Bhatia said. "That's what brings women to the app. They like to join an app where they can be sure that you will not have married men, stalkers or folks like that."

His company includes special features to reassure women the company has their best interests in mind. "Even a small incident will reflect badly on our app." Developers said they were being particularly cautious after another app-based company, taxi service Uber,

became embroiled in controversy in December and lost its license to operate in the Indian capital after one of its Delhi drivers was accused of raping a 26-year-old passenger. Marketing to women means not just giving them more control over whom they connect with, but also

even decide if a man looks desirable enough. If they're wearing an odd tank-top, or look thuggish, they're out. In total, a quarter of users who try to register on TrulyMadly are denied, Bhatia said.

Still, 65 percent of its users are men.

The app Thrill sidelines up to 35 percent of male users, without telling them, to a so-called "phantom zone" where they can still log on and view others' profiles, but can't make contact and are invisible to other users.

"It keeps out a lot of the riffraff, to put it simply," said co-founder Josh Israel, a New Jersey native now living in New Delhi.

Whitney Wolfe, who co-founded Tinder before leaving to launch the app Bumble, said designing platforms that give women more control work in any country, not just India, where men traditionally take the lead.

"In the current landscape, women want to make the first move" but don't because they're afraid of what society will think, she said, explaining why Bumble allows only women to send a first message. The formula, she said, reduces the fear of rejection for men and removes the idea of a woman being "desperate." □

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Wall Street stabilizes on Greece talks

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — New twists in the Greek debt crisis led to a choppy day of trading on Tuesday, as a late turn left the stock market with a modest gain. Greece and its creditors held talks in Brussels on Tuesday to discuss how to keep the country from falling out of the euro. Reports out late in the day said European officials considered providing Greece with emergency funding to help it avoid defaulting on its debts. Greece has little time left before its banks run out of cash.

"It's all Greece all the time," said Burt White, chief investment officer at LPL Financial.

Major indexes drifted lower in early trading, then

that, despite the differences, there appears to be strong political motivation to hammer out some sort of agreement with Greece." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.58 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,081.34. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 93.33 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,776.91, while the Nasdaq composite inched up 5.52 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,997.46.

Major indexes in Europe finished broadly lower. Germany's DAX slid 2 percent and France's CAC-40 lost 2.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 1.6 percent. The gains in the U.S. were led by utilities and makers of consumer staples, safe-play sectors investors tend to favor when they're fearful of market swings.

weeks, investors will turn away from Greece to focus on the U.S. and its improving economy. That shift, he said, could help pull the stock market out of its recent rut.

The unofficial start to the second-quarter earnings season starts Wednesday afternoon when Alcoa turns in its results. Analysts forecast that companies in the S&P 500 will report that their overall profits dropped 4 percent in the quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ. White said he expects that those expectations will prove too pessimistic.

Markets in China extended their slump. The Shanghai Composite Index fell 1.3 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 1 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei 225



Traders look at screens on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in New York. New twists in the Greek debt crisis led to a choppy day of trading on Tuesday, as a late turn left the stock market with a modest gain. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

dropped further around midday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index below a technical level watched by many traders, the index's average over the past 200 days. To many in the market it was a signal that stocks had fallen too far, so they jumped back in.

"These technical factors played a role today," said Quincy Crosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. "The other factor was that some of the language coming from European creditors suggested

The basic materials sector was the only one of the 10 industries in the S&P 500 index to fall. Among individual stocks, Newmont Mining dropped \$1.45, or 6.1 percent, to \$22.41, the biggest decline in the index. Mining stocks have taken a hit from plunging prices for metals as traders worry about global demand for basic materials. The price of copper has dropped 7 percent over the past two days. White thinks that as quarterly earnings reports start to roll in over the coming

advanced 1.3 percent, and Seoul's Kospi lost 0.7 percent.

China's stock market has lost nearly 30 percent after hitting a peak in June. The government has responded with a slew of new emergency measures, but analysts argue that they can't keep prices up without some improvement in economic growth.

"China's leadership has doubled down on its efforts to prop up equity prices," Mark Williams of Capital Economics wrote in a report. □

Honda's CEO: Development needs more time for quality

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AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — To illustrate his vision for a turnaround at recall-slashed Honda, Takahiro Hachigo, the new chief executive, showed video footage set to a light-hearted 50s-style rock music of happy people with Honda products, like a lawn mower and the Asimo walking robot.

But that kind of almost nostalgic look back was close to summarizing what he offered.

"I believe in the power of Honda people," he told a packed news conference at Honda Motor Co.'s Tokyo headquarters this week, after his appointment as CEO and president was approved by shareholders and the company board.

Honda's brand image has suffered after quality lapses for popular vehicles like the Fit hybrid in Japan as well as huge recall on a global level for defective Takata air bags. Although many of the world's automakers are affected by the recalls, Honda has been hardest hit because it relies heavily on Takata. The company's recalls linked to Takata have ballooned by 20 million globally.

Hachigo promised to take more time in product development, bring his employees together as a team and improve communication within the company, to avoid the recurrence of quality lapses that have led to shrinking profits at the Japanese automaker.

Honda's profit for the fiscal year ended in March dipped nearly 9 percent, offsetting the boost from a cheap yen and healthy vehicle sales. Honda's recent crisis has been so serious top executives have taken pay cuts.

Analysts say they are waiting on a revival plan, and many unknowns remain on how the Takata recalls might be resolved, and what that might do to an ailing Honda.

The cause has not yet been pinpointed for the air bags that can explode with too much force and spew shrapnel into the vehicle. The problem has been suspected in at least eight fatalities and 100 injuries. Massive recall efforts are underway to keep drivers safe. Hachigo reiterated that Honda had no immediate plans to financially help Takata. Honda has a 1.2 percent stake in Takata, which has sunk into losses over the recalls.

Hachigo's promise to turn the company around centered on raising the efficiency of global manufacturing and delivering on what he called "Honda-like" products. But it was a little short on specifics.

Reporters peppered him with questions: Isn't Honda falling behind in ecological vehicles? Shouldn't Honda be more passionate about F-1 racing? Why isn't Honda bringing out totally unique auto products that utilize Asimo technology? What exactly is a Honda-like product, anyway?

Hachigo, an engineer who has worked in the U.S. as well as China, had answers for each question. For instance, he talked about shipping of the Fit sub-compact made in Japan to overseas markets. And he gave the remodeled Civic as an example of a Honda-like product.

Both are not startlingly new ideas. And he kept returning to the themes of greater regional coordination and better communication.

He declined to give numerical goals, acknowledging that the previous one, announced by his predecessor, of reaching a global production scale of 6 million vehicles, would not be attained in the current fiscal year, which ends March 2016.

Horizon Pharma makes hostile, \$2.1B bid for Depomed

The Associated Press

Horizon Pharma has gone hostile with an all-stock offer for Depomed valued at about \$2.1 billion after its target rejected friendly overtures to talk about a deal.

The Dublin-based company said Tuesday that it will take an offer of \$29.25 of its stock for each Depomed share directly to that company's shareholders. The tax-free bid represents

about a 42 percent premium to Depomed's closing price Monday.

Shares of Depomed jumped \$7.51, or 36.4 percent, to \$28.15 in Tuesday morning trading.

Horizon said that it has been trying to discuss a deal with Depomed Inc. since March, but that company's board has rejected its proposal and declined to start discussions.

Depomed said in a writ-

ten statement that it has received Horizon's offer, which it believes substantially undervalues the company.

Horizon CEO Timothy P. Walbert said in a letter to his Depomed counterpart, James A. Schoeneck, that the combined company would be significantly larger and more diversified. It would have 13 marketed drugs, which would nearly double Horizon's current

lineup.

Horizon Pharma Plc has completed four deals in the past two years. They include the acquisitions of Hyperion Therapeutics and the U.S. rights to the rheumatoid arthritis treatment Vimovo.

Walbert said in his letter that these deals show Horizon can blend new medicines and businesses into its operations while delivering strong results.

Depomed, which is based in Newark, California, has a portfolio that includes the migraine drug Cambia and the painkiller Nucynta ER. The deal value adds up to about \$3 billion counting debt.

Depomed shareholders would end up with a stake of about 25 percent in the combined company. U.S.-trade shares of Horizon declined \$1.58, or 4.6 percent, to \$32.96. □

Samsung forecasts profit fall as S6 sales disappoint

YOUKYUNG LEE

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Samsung Electronics Co. forecast a fall in second quarter profit in a sign that sales of its much anticipated Galaxy S6 smartphones failed to meet expectations. Samsung on Tuesday estimated its second quarter operating profit at 6.9 trillion won (\$6.1 billion), down 4 percent from a year earlier. The result represents a 15 percent gain from the previous quarter but it was lower than the 7.23 trillion won forecast in a FactSet survey of analysts.

Sales declined 8 percent from a year earlier to 48 trillion won, falling short of the FactSet forecast of 52.8 trillion won. The South Korean company will release its full result for the quarter later this month.

When Samsung began sales of its Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge smartphones in April, there were expectations

that the new flagship devices would lead a revival at Samsung's handset business, which suffered a stunning decline last year.

It retained the title of the world's largest maker of smartphones but its market share declined, squeezed by Apple in the premium market and by Chinese companies in the low-end market. Within Samsung, development of the Series 6 smartphones was dubbed "Project Zero," signifying the company's efforts to recapture the winning formula of its earlier phones.

Samsung was hit by two problems with its Galaxy S6 series. The regular version of the phone, the Galaxy S6, wasn't as popular as expected, while the S6 Edge model, which features a display that curves on both sides that is more difficult to produce, couldn't keep up with demand.

"The failure to manage the



An employee of Samsung Electronics Co. works near an advertisement of Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S6 smartphone at a Samsung Electronics shop in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Samsung Electronics Co. forecast lower-than-expected profit for the April-June quarter in a sign that its much-anticipated Galaxy S6 smartphones failed to lead a meaningful recovery.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

initial shipment for the Galaxy S6 series is the primary reason" for disappointing sales, said Lee Ka-keun, an analyst at KB Securities.

"Demand for smartphones and other IT products were also weak."

Samsung's smartphone sales were also hit by a

new law that was enforced in South Korea last year, which barred handset vendors from giving hefty subsidies to phone buyers. □

Report: Toyota executive arrested in Japan to be released

YURI KAGEYAMA

AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The American Toyota executive who was arrested in Japan last month on suspicion of drug law violations is expected to be released Wednesday without being prosecuted, according to Japan's Kyodo News service.

Kyodo did not identify the source of its information. Tokyo prosecutors declined to comment Tuesday. Toyota Motor Corp. said it had

no information.

Julie Hamp, 55, who was the highest-ranking female executive at the Japanese automaker, was arrested June 18 on suspicion of bringing oxycodone, a narcotic pain killer, into Japan. The drug is tightly controlled here. Hamp, who resigned from Toyota last week, has not been available for comment. But police say she has denied trying to import an illegal drug. Toyota Chief Executive Akio Toyoda

has said he believes Hamp had no intention of breaking the law.

The drug was found by Japanese customs in a package that was sent to Hamp by mail from the U.S., police said.

Her appointment as head of communications in April had been highlighted by Toyota as a step toward promoting diversity.

Japan has among the poorest records in the industrialized world for gen-

der equality in business and politics.

Hamp, who joined Toyota in 2012, worked in its U.S. operations until her latest promotion. Before that, she worked for PepsiCo Inc. and General Motors Co.

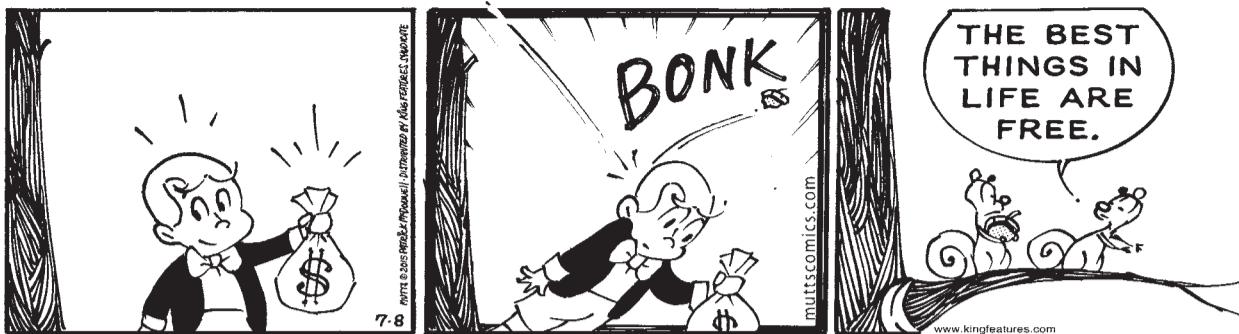
Hamp had been in the process of moving to Japan, the first foreign executive of Toyota to be permanently stationed in Japan. Toyota has acknowledged the company should have done more to help her re-

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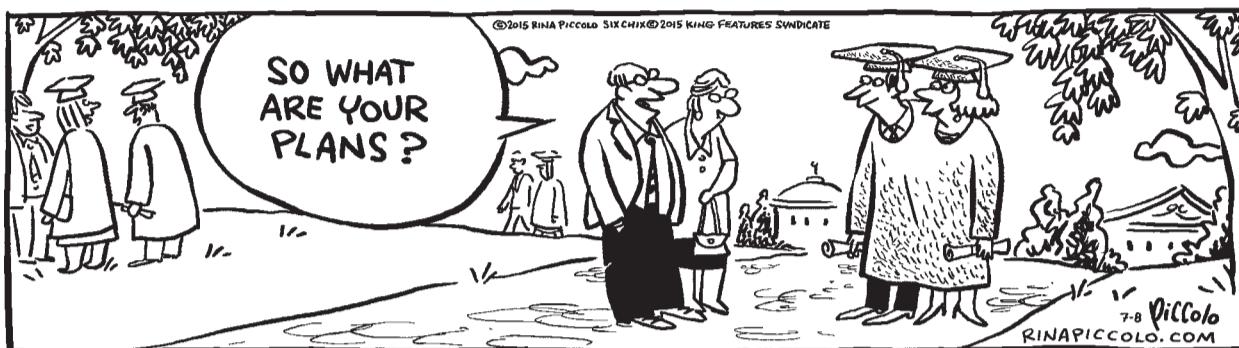
She was arrested at a Tokyo hotel, where she had been staying while house-hunting.

Japanese media said the drugs were hidden in a package containing jewelry, and 57 pills were found. Police have refused to comment on such reports. Police raided the automaker's headquarters in Toyota city, central Japan, as well as its Tokyo and Nagoya offices last month. □

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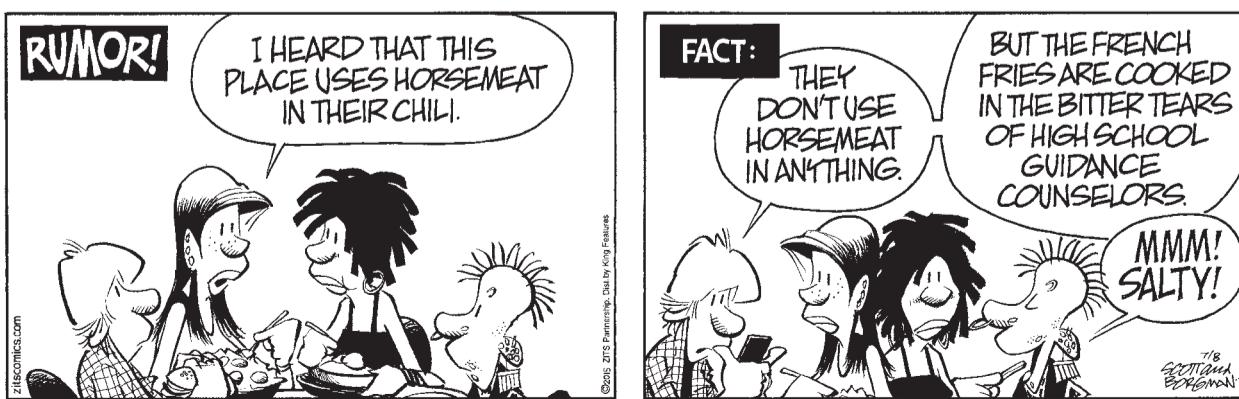
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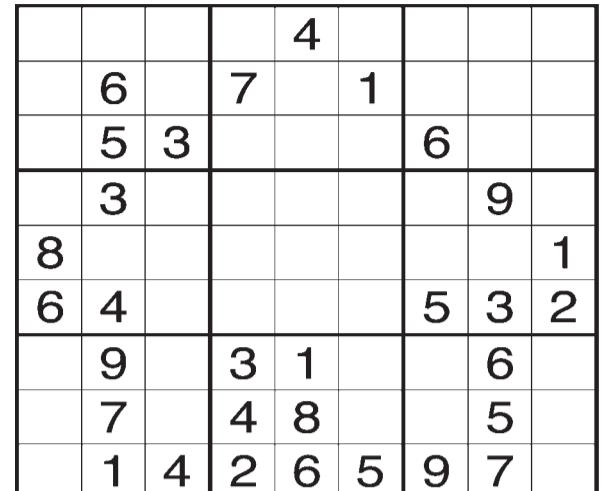
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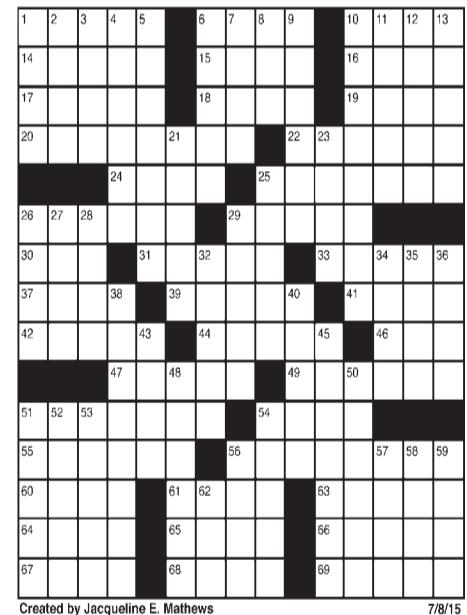
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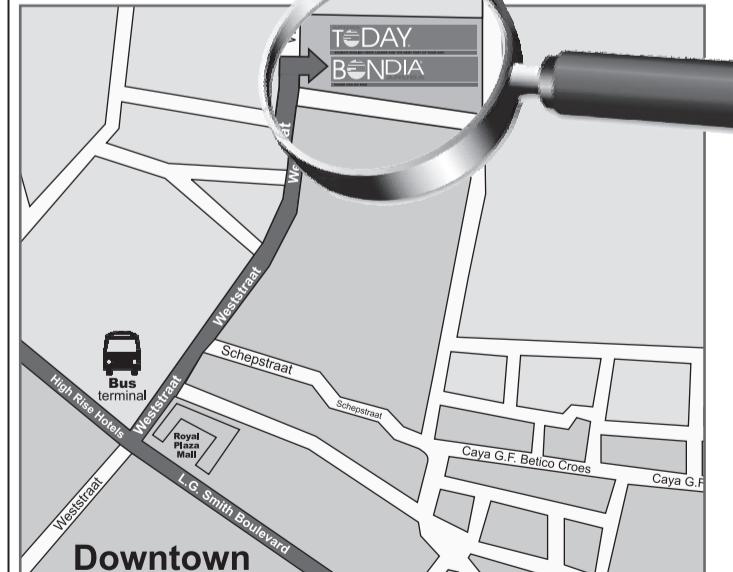
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EPA chief: Climate plan on track despite mercury ruling

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A Supreme Court ruling that undermined a federal rule targeting mercury pollution will not affect the Obama administration's plan to limit greenhouse gas emissions to slow the effects of global warming, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said she was disappointed with last week's court ruling, but said comparing the mercury rule to the nearly finalized climate plan is "comparing apples and oranges."

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled June 29 that the EPA should have considered the costs and benefits of its plan before deciding to impose limits on mercury and other hazardous air pollutants.

McCarthy described the ruling as "very narrow" and said it posed little threat to the 2011 mercury rule and even less risk to the climate rule, a separate effort that sets unprecedented carbon dioxide limits for coal-fired power plants that contribute to global warming. A majority of U.S. power plants have already invested millions of dollars to install pollution controls needed to comply with the mercury rule, so the practical effect of the court's ruling will be limited, McCarthy said at a speech sponsored by the Christian



This Sept. 30, 2014 file photo shows the Colstrip Steam Electric Station operated by Talen Energy in southeastern Montana.

Associated Press

Science Monitor.

The court decision did not set aside the mercury rule, but merely returned it to a lower court to decide how a cost-benefits analysis should be conducted, McCarthy said, adding that she is confident the rule eventually will be implemented. "There's very compelling reasons for the utilities to continue to treat this as a requirement, and I think you'll see them doing that," she said.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration is on track to complete the so-called Clean Power Plan next

month, McCarthy said. The plan is intended to cut earth-warming pollution from power plants by 30 percent by 2030, setting in motion one of the most significant U.S. actions ever to address global warming. Once completed, the rule will set the first national limits on carbon dioxide from existing power plants, the largest source of greenhouse gases in the U.S. Congressional Republicans have vowed to block the rule and some GOP governors have said their states will not comply. McCarthy said she also expects a se-

ries of legal challenges to the rule, but said she is confident the administration will prevail.

"We're actually very good at writing rules and defending them in court, and this will be no exception," she said.

On a related topic, McCarthy slammed proposed spending cuts being pushed by Republicans in Congress, saying they could have significant impact on "the core functions of the agency."

The House is debating a bill this week that would slash the EPA's budget by 9 per-

cent and block the agency from advancing a host of new rules, including the plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants.

EPA officials receive calls daily from states and localities with questions about enforcement of environmental rules, McCarthy said, adding that the proposed budget cuts could make it difficult to answer those calls.

If the EPA can't answer those questions, who will? McCarthy asked. "Ghost-busters won't answer the phone," she said. □

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Al Jazeera YouTube channel airs satirical video about U.S.

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A video posted on an Al Jazeera YouTube channel over the Fourth of July weekend mocks Americans for dubious "achievements" in obesity, pornography production and gun ownership.

The satirical item, under two minutes long, was produced out of San Francisco by a digital arm of the Qatar-based Al Jazeera news network. It has not been seen on television, including on the beleaguered Al Jazeera America channel. Debuting on the weekend set aside for celebrating the birth of the U.S., the video is entitled "Americans Show Why USA is the #1 Country in the World." It begins with a man who explains that most people probably know that Americans lead the world in Olympic medals won, Nobel laureates and billion-

aires.

Then it goes on to list other benchmarks, including the large number of people imprisoned and the amount of guns owned. The U.S. also has a leading percentage of obese people, one man said.

"A third of us can't even see our own toes," he said. A man holding red, white and blue balloons claims that Americans make 89 percent of the world's pornography. "That makes porn as American as church on Sunday," the man said.

At its end, a man in a stars-and-stripes hat said that "if anybody ever tells you that American is not that great, just say, 'God bless the country with the most deaths by lawnmowers.'" A guitar plays "America the Beautiful" in the background.

The Al Jazeera Plus network began in 2013, and is described on its website as

a "global news community for the connected generation." The outfit says that its goal is to "highlight human struggles and achievements, empower impassioned voices and challenge the status quo."

A spokeswoman for Al Jazeera America said that the channel is editorially distinct from the television network.

"One of the things that defines America is free speech," said Jocelyn Austin, network spokeswoman.

"The Americans in San Francisco who made this July Fourth video are entitled to speak about their country. Similar videos have been done in this style about issues in other countries, and the network airs all opinions without necessarily endorsing them."

By mid-afternoon on Monday, the video had been seen more than 157,000 times, according to the Al Jazeera Plus web site.



In this July 4, 2015 file photo, fireworks explode behind a United States flag during a Fourth of July celebration at State Fair Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

Of 30 videos displayed on the web site, only two others had as many as 10,000 views.

The Al Jazeera America television network has had trouble getting a foothold in this country, and was targeted in lawsuits filed

by former employees this spring that alleged the network and its management were biased against non-Arabs both on the air and in how it treated employees. The network has called the allegations unfounded. □

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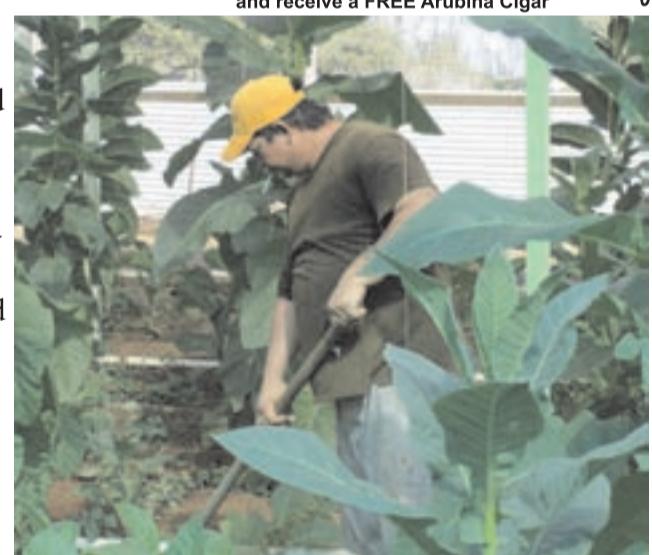


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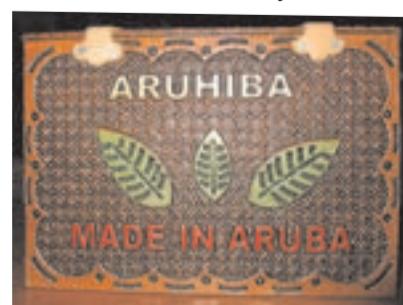
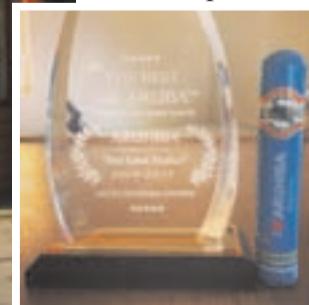
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Who will make us laugh during upcoming presidential campaign

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NEW YORK (AP) — A presidential campaign is beginning without late-night television hosts who helped us

ic routine on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" this spring, reading mean tweets posted about him online. Kimmel used his interview to ask Obama about the day-to-day life



In this Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, file photo, Larry Wilmore speaks on stage during Comedy Central's "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore," panel at the Viacom 2015 Winter TCA, in Pasadena, Calif.

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laugh through past ones, both a cultural loss and an opportunity for new voices. David Letterman is gone, taking his unmatched ability to have serious conversations with public figures and not skimp on humor. Jay Leno's rat-a-tat pace of one-liners is history. Jon Stewart exits next month, along with a research team that allowed him to bust politicians and journalists for hypocrisy.

Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers, Larry Wilmore and Kate McKinnon are the most likely comic stars to emerge for Decision 2016.

"As much as it's sad to see Jon leave and have Letterman and Leno gone, it's not like the new class coming in will be doing plate spinners," said Rory Albanese, executive producer of "The Nightly Show" with Wilmore on Comedy Central. A recent sign of the new landscape came when Jimmy Fallon invited Jeb Bush on NBC's "Tonight" show to slow-jam the news, the comic slipping in titillating jokes about the presidential family name. Fallon seemed overeager during the ensuing interview, the conversation rarely straying beyond biography points like how the Republican met his Mexico-born wife. Similarly, President Barack Obama was asked to participate in a signature com-



This July 13, 2014 file photo shows Seth Meyers at the NBC 2014 Summer TCA held at the Beverly Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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of a president, including whether he drove, went to the dentist or sneaked into the White House kitchen for a late-night snack. Fallon and Kimmel host the two most popular programs on late-night TV now. While their broadly comic shows don't ignore public affairs, that's not in either host's wheelhouse.

"I don't think there's a particular comfort factor there," said Bill Carter, author of books on late-night television including "The Late Shift." That leaves a path for Letterman's replacement. Colbert, who will compete in the same time slot with Fallon and Kimmel starting in September, hasn't talked much about the new show other than saying he won't be playing a character like he did on Comedy Central. His

adeptness at topical material was evident on "The Colbert Report," and his interest obvious in how he couldn't resist the comic fodder of Donald Trump's campaign announcement last month. Colbert released a video on the "Late Show" website that nailed the surreal randomness of Trump's speech. "So much of this is about whether the host is passionate about it, if they really want to do it," Albanese said. "Because if it's not coming from their gut ... it can feel kind of empty." Meyers has emphasized politics on "Late Night" since Vice President Joe Biden showed up for the debut. Ted Cruz, Bernie Sanders and Carly Fiorina

ing sure these interviews go well, Meyers said.

"You have to know their positions," he said. "The one thing I've found when you're talking to a political

mean, they go on C-SPAN." Stewart's take on a day's events will be missed more than his interviews. "What you got from both of these guys was a very specific



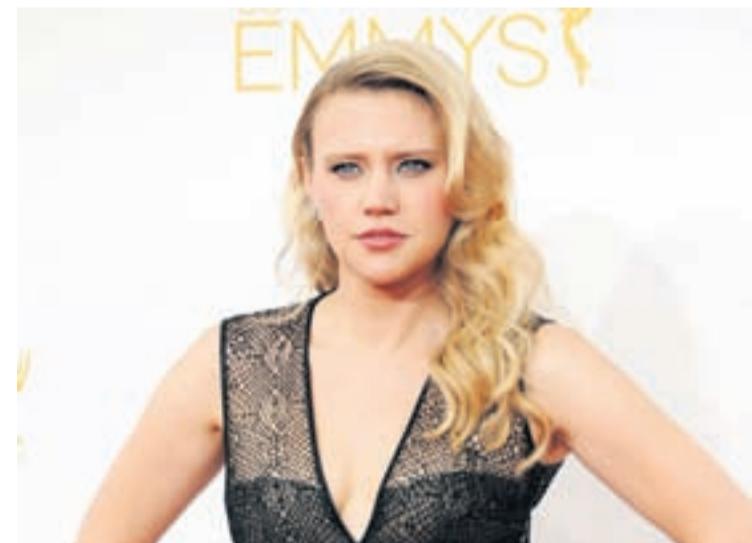
In a Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013 file photo, Stephen Colbert delivers the keynote address during the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, a charity gala organized by the Archdiocese of New York, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, in New York.

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guest, be they Republican or Democrat, if you don't cut them off, they'll talk the whole time."

Meyers will replay a political interview in his mind and brood over something he wished he'd said more than he ever would for a movie star. He wants viewers to come away liking,

and unique point of view you could rely upon," Albanese said. "You would say, 'I can't wait to hear what Jon Stewart is going to say about this, or what Letterman is going to say.'" Stewart's replacement, Trevor Noah, is expected to keep the DNA of "The Daily Show." But as a South Afri-



This Aug. 25, 2014 file photo shows actress Kate McKinnon at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A.

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have appeared for interviews. Meyers is trying to do more comic pieces responding to the day's news, said Mike Shoemaker, "Late Night" executive producer.

Meyers admired Letterman's ability to make an interview feel unscripted. His appearance with Cruz showed the host's ability to stand toe-to-toe with a political guest for a substantive conversation with some laugh lines. When the Texas Republican talked about his Senate filibuster on Obama's health care law, Meyers shot back, "How'd it go?" and earned a brief glare from Cruz. He asked Cruz his response to Sen. John McCain calling him a "wacko bird" and about his opposition to gay marriage.

Research is the key to mak-

or at least knowing more about, his political guests. In one sense, the appearances are auditions, since he wants politicians to view his NBC show as a desirable destination.

"If you do really good stuff with politicians, ultimately other politicians will find out," he said. "At the end of the day, they do like attention, so it's not like it's the hardest sell on earth. I

can not steeped in American politics, the perspective is sure to be different. Tina Fey, with her dead-on Sarah Palin impersonation, was the comic star of the 2008 presidential campaign. "Saturday Night Live" has another winner with McKinnon, whose portrayal of a cravenly ambitious Hillary Clinton holds great promise for the next year. □



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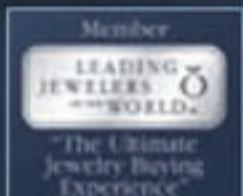
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